

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising the steps of:
receiving a request from a subscriber to access a resource;
first comparing the resource to a system-wide list associated with a plurality of subscribers regardless of subscriber identity;
if the resource is included in the system-wide list:
providing or denying access to the resource ~~regardless of subscriber identity if the resource is included in a~~ in accordance with the system-wide ~~always allow~~ list;
if the resource is not included in the system-wide list:
next comparing the resource to a list associated with the subscriber that is separate from the system-wide list;
providing access to the resource if the resource is included in ~~a~~ the list associated with the subscriber;
requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is not included in the list associated with the subscriber ~~or in the system-wide always allow list;~~ and
providing access to the resource if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.
2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of adding the resource to the list associated with the subscriber if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.
3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the system-wide list includes an always deny list, and wherein the step of providing or denying access includes denying access to the resource if the resource is included in ~~an~~ the always deny list associated with a plurality of subscribers.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the system-wide list includes an always require PIN list, and wherein the step of providing or denying access includes requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is included in ~~an~~ the always require PIN list ~~associated with a plurality of subscribers.~~
6. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the resource is a telephone connection to a destination phone number.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising the steps of:
maintaining a first list of resources accessed by a user;
~~allowing the user to access resources included in the first list;~~
maintaining a second list of resources ~~always allowed~~ separate from the first list, the second list listing resources to which access is controlled regardless of user identity;
first determining whether to allow ~~allowing~~ the user to access resources included in the second list before consulting the resources in the first list;
requiring the user to enter a personal identification number to access a further resource not included in the first or second lists; and
adding the further resource that the user accesses using the personal identification number to the first list.
10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 9 ~~further comprising the step of~~
wherein the second list includes an always deny list and wherein the first determining step
includes denying the user access to a still further resource if the still further resource is included
in ~~an~~ the always deny list ~~associated with a plurality of users.~~

12. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 9 ~~further comprising the step of~~
wherein the second list includes an always require PIN list and wherein the first
determining step includes requiring the user to input a personal identification number to access
a still further resource included in ~~an~~ the always require PIN list ~~associated with a plurality of~~
~~users.~~

13. (Original) A method as recited in claim 9 wherein the resources are telephone
connections to destination phone numbers.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing access to resources with the use of
personal identification numbers, comprising:

means for receiving a request from a subscriber to access a resource;

means for first comparing the resource to a system-wide list associated with a
plurality of subscribers regardless of subscriber identity;

if the resource is included in the system-wide list:

means for providing or denying access to the resource ~~regardless of subscriber~~
~~identity if the resource is included in a~~ in accordance with the system-wide
~~always allow~~ list;

if the resource is not included in the system-wide list:

means for next comparing the resource to a list associated with the subscriber
that is separate from the system-wide list;

means for providing access to the resource if the resource is included in ~~a~~ the list associated with the subscriber;

means for requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is not included in the list associated with the subscriber ~~or in the system-wide always allow list~~; and

means for providing access to the resource if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

17. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 further comprising means for adding the resource to the list associated with the subscriber if the subscriber inputs the correct personal identification number.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the system-wide list includes an always deny list, and wherein the means for providing or denying access includes means for denying access to the resource if the resource is included in ~~an~~ the always deny list ~~associated with a plurality of subscribers~~.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the system-wide list includes an always require PIN list, and wherein the means for providing or denying access includes means for requiring the subscriber to input a personal identification number if the resource is included in ~~an~~ the always require PIN list ~~associated with a plurality of subscribers~~.

21. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 16 wherein the resource is a telephone connection to a destination phone number.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing access to resources with the use of personal identification numbers, comprising:

means for maintaining a first list of resources accessed by a user;

~~means for allowing the user to access resources included in the first list;~~

means for maintaining a second list of resources ~~always allowed~~ **separate from the first list, the second list listing resources to which access is controlled** regardless of user identity;

means for **first determining whether to allow** ~~allowing~~ the user to access resources included in the second list **before consulting the resources in the first list;**

means for requiring the user to enter a personal identification number to access a further resource not included in the first or second lists; and

means for adding the further resource that the user accesses using the personal identification number to the first list.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 ~~further comprising~~ **wherein the second list includes an always deny list and wherein the first determining means includes** means for denying the user access to a still further resource if the still further resource is included in ~~an~~ **the** always deny list ~~associated with a plurality of users.~~

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 ~~further comprising~~ **wherein the second list includes an always require PIN list and wherein the first determining means includes** means for requiring the user to input a personal identification number to access a still further resource included in ~~an~~ **the** always require PIN list associated with a plurality of users.

28. (Original) An apparatus as recited in claim 24 wherein the resources are telephone connections to destination phone numbers.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the system-wide list includes an always allow list ~~comprises~~ containing a phone number associated with emergency services.

32. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

33. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

34. **(Currently Amended)** A method according to claim 9, wherein the second list includes always allow list ~~comprises~~ containing a phone number associated with emergency services.

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

37. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the system-wide list includes an always allow list ~~comprises~~ containing a phone number associated with emergency services.

38. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.

39. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.

40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the second list includes an always allow list ~~comprises~~ containing a phone number associated with emergency services.
41. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the always deny list comprises a phone number associated with fraudulent use.
42. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein the always require PIN list comprises a phone number associated with one of an international call and a 900 number call.